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Fig. 2.

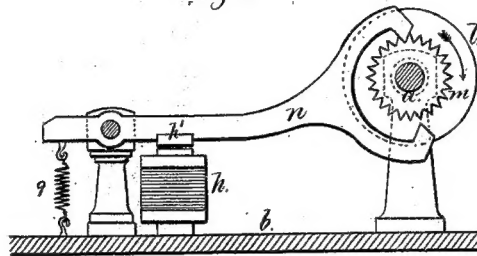
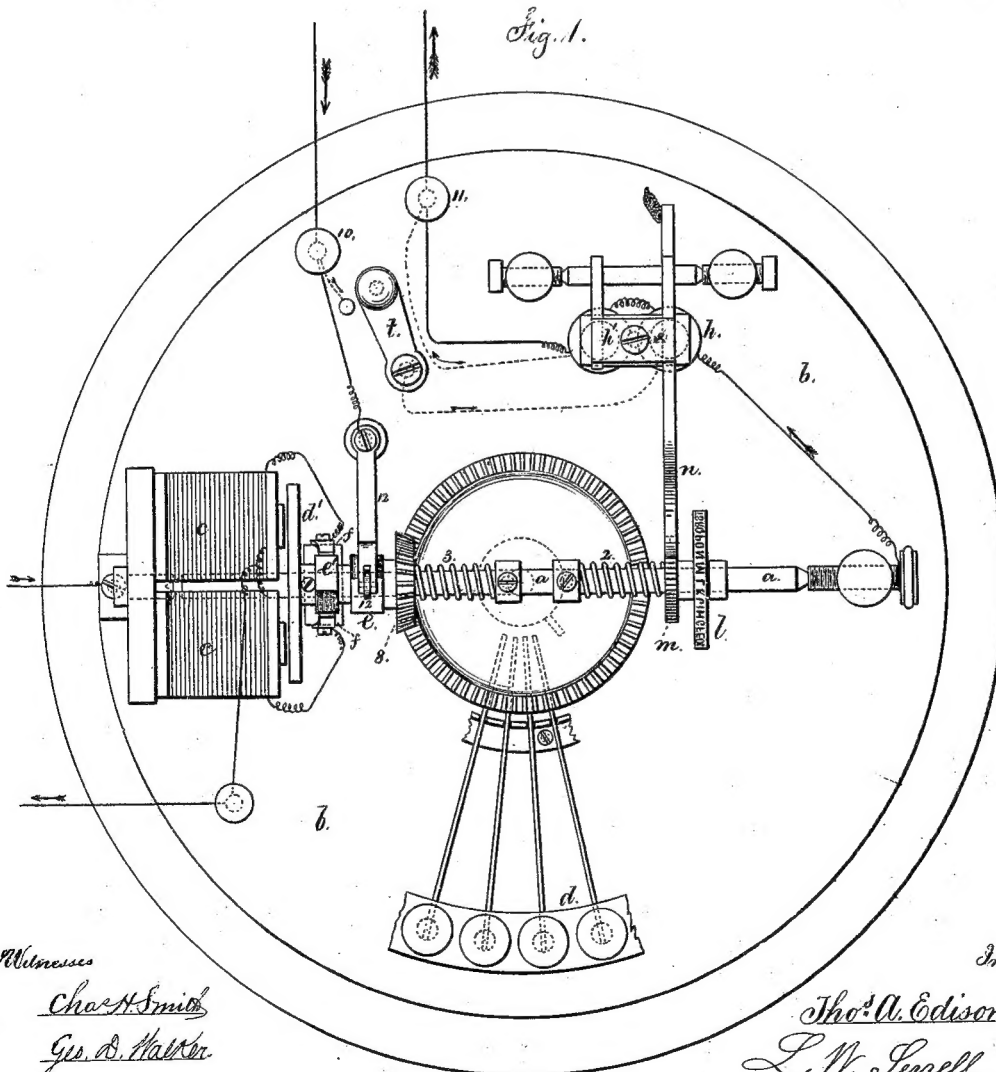


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PRINTING-TELEGRAPHS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS A. EDISON, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented an Improvement in Printing-Telegraph Instruments, of which the following is a specification:

This instrument is a combined transmitter and receiver, and the pulsator (which opens and closes the circuit to the type-wheel magnets) and the type-wheel are upon the same shaft, and this shaft is revolved continuously by an electro-motor or other device.

The pulsator and type-wheel are both revolved by frictional contact with their shaft; but the type-wheel only moves with said shaft as the pallets of the type-wheel lever allow the escapement-wheel that is connected to the type-wheel to turn by a step-by-step movement. This lever is vibrated by its magnet and spring each time the pulsator opens and closes the circuit to said magnet; hence said type-wheel is moved by the step-by-step escapement each pulsation of electricity.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan of my improved instrument, and Fig. 2 is an elevation of the type-wheel magnets, levers, and escapement.

The shaft *a* is supported in suitable supports or standards on the bed *b*, and is revolved continuously by the electro-motor, composed of the electro-magnets *cc*, revolving armature *d*, circuit-breaker *e*, contact-springs *ff*, and connections to a local battery, all of usual character; and it is to be understood that the shafts *a* of the distant receiving-instruments are each revolved by an electro-motor or other device, and about in unison with the shaft of the transmitter. *e* is the pulsator, and 12 its contact-roller for opening and closing the circuit to the type-wheel magnets *h*, and said pulsator revolves with the shaft *a* by friction of the spring 3.

The operation of this pulsator in opening and closing the circuit to said magnets *h* is the

same as that set forth in Letters Patent No. 131,343 granted to me, and the means for stopping the pulsator and impressing from the type-wheel *l* are substantially the same as in said patent, the pulsator being arrested when a finger-key, *d*, is depressed and its arm brought in the path of a stop upon a shaft connected by gearing to a pinion, 8, that moves with the pulsator. The type-wheel *l* and its escapement-wheel *m* are upon a sleeve or otherwise connected, and they are upon said shaft *a* and move with it by friction through the spring 2 when permitted by the type-wheel lever *n*. The pulsations from *e* through the main line and magnets *h* at the distant stations vibrate the armatures *h'* and levers *n* in unison, letting off the teeth of the escapement-wheels and allowing the shafts *a* to revolve the type-wheels by a step-by-step motion.

The connections for the transmitter are shown by full lines in Fig. 1, the current entering by the binder 10 and passing through the pulsator *e*, shaft *a*, and magnets *h*, and by the binder 11 to the line and the distant receiving-instruments. Each instrument is provided with a switch at *t*, and the connections for the distant receiving-machines are shown by dotted lines in same figure.

The mechanism for impressing the letter and printing, when the type-wheels are stopped, may be of any desired character, and do not form part of this invention.

I claim as my invention—

The type-wheel and pulsator both upon the same shaft and revolved by friction, in combination with the type-wheel lever, escapement, and electro-magnet, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed by me this 7th day of March, A. D. 1873.

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